

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ROAD DUST – Q & A's

Q: When are we going to get dust control material applied to our road?
It is getting quite dusty.

A: *We expect to have the dust control product applied to the roads by the third week of May and hopefully sooner with the weather permitting.*

Q: Isn't that a little late for the first application of the product?

A: *Yes it is a little later this year and this is because of the excessively wet weather that we had this spring. This April had the second greatest amount of rainfall for April on record with just under 8 inches of rainfall.*

This excessive wetness has resulted in a delay of road grading by the Ottawa County Road Commission.

All of the public roads are county roads and our dust control supplier, Great Lakes Chloride, must work with the Ottawa County Road Commission road grading crews when the dust control product is applied.

Q: How often will this dust control product be applied to the roads this year?

A: *Due to environmental concerns and regulations, we have been limited to fewer applications of the product than we have previously used. Because we are limited to fewer applications, the Township Board has decided to try a product that is more effective over time.*

This year you may expect the first application of the product to be applied to the road surface by the third week of May and a subsequent application to occur in late July or early August.

Q: What is different about this new product?

A: *Previously we were using oil well brine with a high concentration of sodium chloride. Sodium is highly corrosive and caustic to vegetation.*

The new product composed of calcium chloride has a much lower level of the caustic sodium.

This environmentally safer product has also been demonstrated to be more effective with respect to the bonding of dust particles and it is reactivated by rainfall.